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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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SUBJECT: NKOMO IN LONDON

1. JOSHUA NKOMO ARRIVED IN LONDON JANUARY 26 AND, BEFORE THE PRESS, LAMBASTED BRITISH DIPLOMACY AND IVOR RICHARD. NKOMO'S TOUGHEST WORDS CONCERNED RICHARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT SUSPENDING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT EITHER CONSULTING OR INFORMING NATIONALIST DELEGATIONS. "MR. RICHARD AND THE BRITISH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE HAVE BEEN DISCOURTEOUS IN THE EXTREME," NKOMO SAID. "(RICHARD) CAME OUT OF HIS MEETING WITH IAN SMITH ON MONDAY, ANNOUNCED THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD NOT MEET AGAIN, AND DID NOTHING ABOUT TELLING THE OTHER FOUR DELEGATIONS THAT WERE INVOLVED WITH MR. SMITH AND
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HIS RHODESIA FRONT... WE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO A CONFERENCE (IN GENEVA) ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. NOW, IT TURNS OUT, THERE WAS NO CONFERENCE. IT WAS JUST NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SMITH AND THE BRITISH. IT WAS NOT OUR CONFERENCE."

2. NKOMO SAID HE DID NOT "WANT TO BE UNKIND TO MR.

RICHARD" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO BE. "HE DID MAKE MIS-
TAKES. THE WHOLE THING WAS BUNGLED FROM GENEVA TO
CAPE TOWN."

3. NKOMO PREDICTED AN ESCALATION IN THE GUERRILLA WAR
AND THEN ADDED, "NOBODY WANTS THAT WAR. WE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE IT END. IT'S NOT A GAME. IF IT IS POSSIBLE,
EVEN NOW, TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE THAT WILL END IT, WE
WILL GO. BUT RHODESIA IS STILL A BRITISH COLONY. IT IS
FOR THE BRITISH TO DEAL WITH IT."

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